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INSTRUMENTATION FOR COMPUTATIONAL STATISTICAL RESEARCH

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The equipment grant has been used to establish a network of 14 Sun work stations now being used for several research activities. The network has been operational since April 1987. The network is being used both for local computing, for connecting to the local Cray X-MP when large-scale computing is needed, and for providing adequate graphics displays.

One area of research underway is on design and analysis of computational experiments in which methodology is sought to permit adequate inference about complex computational models. Here, inputs to a computer model have to be specified to enable prediction of the behavior of the model at untried inputs. Prediction methods and selection of inputs require extensive computing and there is also a need for good graphics. This research is being carried out under the direction of Professor Sacks. Results on this project have been found in several areas, including the design of VLSI circuits.

Other (and somewhat related) research by Professor Cox involves simulation studies for probability density estimation and for estimation of associated quantities such as the score function -f'/f where f is the density. The score function arises in projection pursuit, data analysis, and critical applications of adaptive inference methods and sound procedures are needed for its estimation. The convenience of available software for the Sun and unused CPU's available on the network provides an excellent setting.

Research under the direction of Professor Andrew Barron has led to software for estimating probability density functions using variable dimensions exponential families. A new technique is being developed on the computer to perform multivariate density estimation using a network of univariate exponential family estimators.

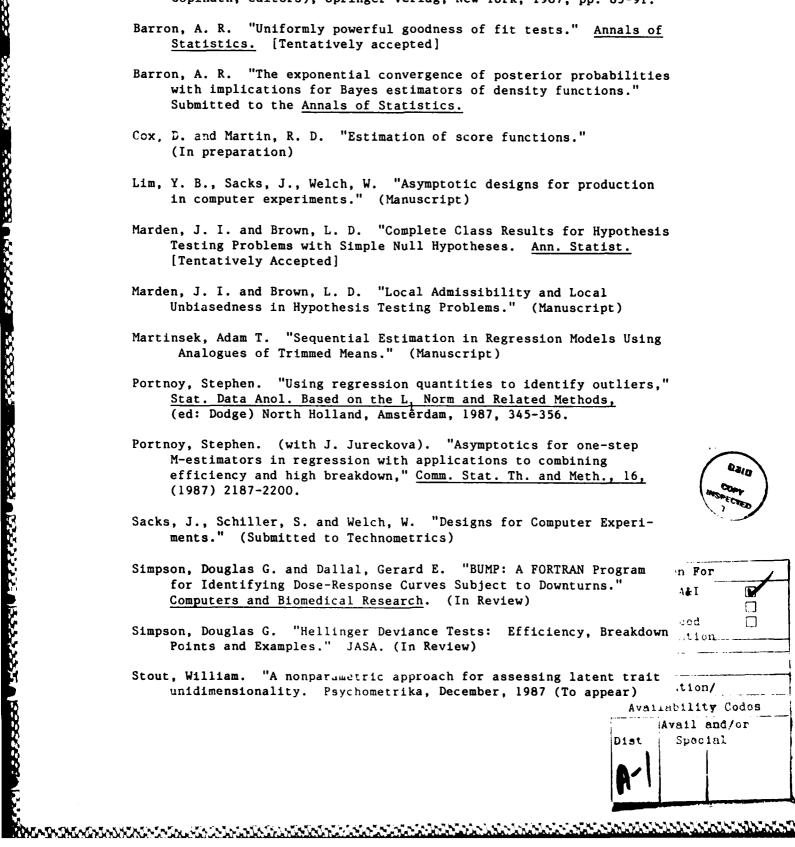
Research by Professor Stout on psychological testing is being directed in part towards developing code for a portable version of explicit methods devised by Stout to uncover test bias. A large scale trial Monte Carlo simulation of Stout's statistical test of educational test unidimensionality was conducted. The positive results were crucial to the publication of this research and the use of Stout's methods by educational practitioners.

A list of publications, completed or in preparation is attached.

Research Completed and in Progress

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